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ART. I.—A Grammar of the Pashtoo, or Afghánee Language. By LIEUT. R. LEACH, Bombay Engineers, Assistant on a Mission.

To the Secretary to the Asiatic Society.

Political Dept.

Sir,—I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to forward to you the accompanying Grammar of the Pashtoo or Afghán Language, compiled by Lieutenant Leach, for such notice as the Society may deem it to merit.

2. I am further directed to request that the Grammar in question may be returned when no longer required.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. T. PRINSEP,

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Fort William, 20th Feb. 1839.

This language is called Afghánee or Avghánee by Persians and other foreigners, and Pashtoo, Pukhtoo, and Pastoo, severally, by the Afgháns of Candhar, Peshawar, Teerai, and by the Afreedees, Khybeerees, &c. &c.

The language is decidedly of Sanscrit complexion, from the frequent occurrence of the ৰ jh and ৰ kgh; indeed these two letters with the Devnagary ৰ compose the peculiarity of the language.

The difference between the Peshawar and Candhar dialect is, that in the former the Persian $\dot{\mathcal{E}}$ is used, when in the latter the Sanscrit \mathbf{a} occurs.

The Candharee is reckoned the purest dialect; and when correctly spoken, resembles in the plaintiveness of its tones the peculiar dialect of Ireland.

The Alphabet is as follows.

Afghánee.			Devna-			h.	Pronunciation,	
			gary.					
	Î		শ্ব		a		as the second a in parable,	
	ب		ब	•••	b		as the English,	
	پ		प		p	• • •	Ditto, ditto,	
	ت	• • •	त	***	t	• • •	as the Continental t,	
	ت ث ت	• • •		•••	th	• • •	as th in things,	
	٠ ت		ट.	• • •	t	• • •	as the English t,	
	5		ল	***	j		as the English j,	
	3	***	च		ch	• • •	as the English,	
	2	* * *		* *, *	h		as the aspirated h,	
	ż				kh		as ch in the Scotch loch,	
	ż			• • •	Z	• • •	the Afghan z used for coupling,	
	۵	• • •	इ	• • •	d		the Continental d,	
	i	• • •		• • •	th		as th in those	
	ما		ड	• • •	d		the harsh English d,	
	5		₹		r	• • •	the English r,	
	ر	• • •	ड़	• • •	d		the peculiar Maratha d,	
	ز			* * *	Z		the English z,	
	ز ژ			• • •	j	• • •	the French j in jour,	
	U~		स		S		the English s,	
	رش _ه	• • •	अ	•••	sh		the English sh,	
	ů.	• •	. घ		jh	• • •	unknown in English,	
	0	**		• • •	S	• • •	the Arabic dwàd,	
	ض			•••	dz	• • •	the Arabic dzwàd,	
	ط			* * *	t	• • •	the Arabic t,	

The Alphabet (Continued.)

<i>Af</i> gh <i>án</i>		evna jary.	- E	nglish.	Pronunciation.
ظ	•••		* * *	Z	the Arabic z ,
3	***			πX	the Arabic mark for guttural vowels,
غ				gh	the Persian guttural,
ف		प्रा	* * *	f	the English f,
ق				k	the harsh English k,
ک	•••	क	3 * *	k	the English k,
گ		ग		g	the English g ,
J	***	ल		1	the English l,
6	0.010	म		m	the English m,
٠,	• • •	न		n	the English n,
و		व		W	the English w , or v ,
8	• • •	ह		h	the English h,
ي		य		y	the English y,
₩.	•••	ঘ		kgh	the Sanscrit.
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The same story is told of the Afghán language, that the Mahrattas tell of the Canarese, viz., That a certain king sent his vizier to collect all the vocabularies and dialects of the earth; on the vizier's return he proceeded to quote specimens before his royal Master: when he came to speak of the Afghánee dialect, he stopped, and producing a tin pot containing a stone, began to rattle it. The king in surprise asked the meaning of this proceeding. The vizier said that he had failed to get a knowledge of the Afghánee language, and could only describe it by rattling a stone in a tin pot.

It is also said, that Mahammad, the Arabian prophet, gave it as his opinion that the Afghánee was to be the language of the infernal regions, as Arabic was to be that of heaven.

In the comparison of languages, in which Arabic is called science, (ilm); Turkish accomplishment, (hunar); Persian sugar; Hindustanee salt; the Afghán is complimented with the appellation of the "braying of an ass."

An Afghán is immediately discovered by another by the correctness with which he distinguishes between a masculine and feminine noun.

Declension of a Noun Masculine.

Singular.

Nominative ás, a horse
Genitive da ás, of a horse
Accusative & Dative } ás ta, a horse
Ablative la ás, from a horse

Plural.
asán, horses
da asáno, of horses
asánoo ta, horses
la asánoo, from horses

Declension of a Noun Feminine, ending in a Vowel.

Singular.

Nominative aspá, a mare
Genitive dá aspá, of a mare
Accusative & Dative } aspeta, a mare
Ablative la aspe, from a mare

aspe, mares
da aspo, of mares
aspota, mares
la aspo, from mares

Plural.

Examples of forming the Feminine from the Masculine Noun.

Masculine.
spe, dog
khar, a donkey
buz, a he-goat
gid, a fat-tailed ram
orárá, nephew
tara, uncle

Feminine.

spai, a bitch
khara, a she-ass
buza, a she-goat
gida, a female sheep
orerá, niece
tarala, aunt

Declension of a Compound Noun.

Nominative gha sadai, a good man gha sadee, good men
Genitive da gha sade, of a good man da gha sadee, of good men
Acc. & Dat. gha sade ta, a good man gha sadota, good men
Ablative la ghasade, from a good man la gha sadee, from good men

Declension of the 1st Personal Pronoun.

Nom. za, I muj, we
Gen. zmá, mine. zmuj, ours
Acc. & Dat. málá, me. mujla, us
Abl. la má, from me. la muj, from us

Nom

Declension of the 2nd Personal Pronoun.

Sing	gular.			Plural.	
	ta, stá,	thou thy		táso, istáso,	
& Dat.	tálá,	thee		tásolá,	you

Gen. Acc. la tá, from thee la taso, from you Abl.

Declension of the 3d Personal Pronoun-proximate.

Nom.	daghá,	this	dagho,	these
Gen.	da de,	these	da deev,	of these
Acc. & Dat.	dela,	this	deevla,	these
Abl.	la de,	from this	la deev,	from these

Declension of the 3rd Personal Pronoun—remote.

Nom.	ha <i>gh</i> á,	that	hagho, those
Gen.	da ha <i>gh</i> á,	of that	da hagho, of those
Acc. & Dat.	haghá ta,	that	hagho ta, those
Abl.	la ha <i>gh</i> á,	from that	la hagho, from those

Declension of the Reflective Pronoun.

Nom.	Pakhpul,	I myself
Gen.	Akhpul,	my own
Acc. & Dat.		wanting
Abl.		ditto

Declension of the Interrogative Pronoun-animate.

	Singular.	
Nom.	sok,	who
Gen.	da chá,	whose
Acc. & Dat.	chá ta,	who
Abl.	la chá,	from whom

Declension of the Interrogative Pronoun—inanimate.

Nom.	sa,	what
Gen.	a sa,	of what
Acc. & Dat.	sa la,	why
Abl.	la sa.	from wha

Cardinal Numbers.

		Carainai Ni	imbers.
1	you	11	you las
2	dwá	12	dwá las
3	dare	13	dyar las
4	salor	14	swár las
5	pinz	15	pinz las
6	shpaj	16	shpadas
7	avo	17	olas
8	atha	18	athlas
9	nah	19	nolas
10	las	20	shil
21	you visht	31	you dergh
22	do visht	32	do dergh
23	dre visht	33	dre dergh
24	salerisht	34	salor dergh
25	pinzvisht	35	pinz dergh
26	shpaj visht	36	shpaj dergh
27	ovisht	37	o,o dergh
28	athvisht	3 8	ath dergh
29	novisht	39	nah dergh
30	dergh	40	salweght
41	you salweght	51	you pinzost
42	doo salweght	52	doo pinzost
43	dre salweght	53	dre pinzost
44	salor salweght	54	salor pinzost
45	pinz salweght	55	pinz pinzost
46	shpaj salweght	56	shpaj pinzost
47	o,o salweght	57	o,o pinzost
48	ath salweght	58	ath pinzost
49	nah salweght	59	nah pinzost
50	pinzast	60	shpeta
61	you shpeta	. 71	you avyà
62	doo shpeta	72	doo avyà
63	dre shpeta	73	dre avyà
64	salor shpeta	74	salor avyà
65	pinz shpeta	75	pinz avyà
66	shpaj shpeta	76	shpaj avyà
67	o,o shpeta	77	o,o avyà
68	ath shpeta	78	ath avyà
69	nah shpeta	79	nah avyà
70	avyà	80	atyà

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01			91	you nawee
81	you atyá	/ /.		•
82	doo atyá		92	doo nawee
83	dre atyá		93	dre nawee
84	salor atyá		94	salor nawee
85	pinz atyá		95	pinz nawee
86	shpaj atyá		96	shpaj nawee
87	oowa atyá		97	oova nawee
88	ath atyá	• 0	98	ath nawee
89	nah atyá		99	nah nawee
90	nawee		100	sil
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Ordinal Numbers.

lst	yawam	6th	shpajam
2nd	doowam	7th	owam
3rd	dreyam	8th	atham
4th	salaram	9th	naham
5th	pinzam	10th	lasam, &c.

Conjugation of the Auxiliary Verb (masculine.) Indicative Mood.

Present Tense.

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Singular.		Plural.

1st Person,	zaiyam, I am	muj yoo, we are
2nd	taiye, thou art	táseyást, you are
3rd	hagha, dai, he is	haghádee, they are

Perfect Past Tense.

Singular. 1st Person, zawum, I was 2nd do ta we, thou wast 3rd do haghá woo, he was Plural. muj woo, we were tási wást, you were haghá woo, they were

Imperfect Past Tense.

Singular.			Plural.
lst :	Person,	za kedam, I was being	muj kedoo,
2nd	do	ta kede	tási kedást,
3rd	do	haghá keda	ha <i>gh</i> á keda,

Pluperfect Past Tense-Had BEEN.

	1 3	
1st Person	za sawai wam	muj siwee woo
2nd do	ta suwai wee	tasi siwee wást
3rd do	haghá sawai woo	hagha siwee woo

Future Tense-Shall BE.

1st Person	n, zakeajam	muj keajam
2nd do	ta keaja	tási keajai
3rd do	haghá keajee	hagho keajee

Imperative Mood.

ta sa, be thou tasi sai, be you.

Subjunctive Mood.

Present Tense .- MAY BE.

lst F	Person,	zawam	7	muj woo
2nd	do	ta we		tasi wást
3rd	do	ha <i>gh</i> á see		hagho soo

The Relative Conjugation IF is expressed by KA. Perfect Past Tense.

1st Person,	za wai	muj wai
2nd	ta wai	tási wai
3rd	ha <i>gh</i> á wai	hagho wai

Infinitive Mood Keda, "Being," or "To Be." Past Participle, Sawai woo, "Been." Conjugation of the Verb Waiyil, "to speak." Present Tense.

Singular.		Plural.
1st Person,	za waiyam	muj waiyoo
2nd do	ta wai	tasi waiya'st
3rd do	hagha wai	hagho wai

The feminine gender only changes the 1st Person Singular, as a woman says, za waiyama.

Perfect Past Tense.

1st Person,	ma' waiyil	muj waiyil
2nd do	ta' waiyil	ta'si waiyil
3rd do	hagha' waiyil	ha <i>gh</i> o waiyal

Imperfect Past Tense.

1st Person,	ma' waiyil	muj waiyil
2nd do	ta' waiyil	ta'si waiyil
3rd do	hagha' waiyil	hagho waiyil

Pluperfect Past Tense.

1st Person, má waiyalaiwo muj waiyaleewoo
2nd do. tá wo waiyil tási waiyaleewoo
3rd do. haghá waiyalaiwo hagho waiyalai woo

Future Tense.

Singular. Plural.

1st Person, za bawowaiyam muj bawowayoo
2nd ditto ta bawowaiye tasi bawowaiyast
3rd ditto hagha bawowai hagho bawowai

Imperative Mood.

ta wawáya tási wowáyást

Subjunctive Mood. Present Tense.

lst za wowáyam muj wowáyoo
2nd ta wowáye tasi wowáyást
3rd haghá wowáyee hagho wowáyee

Perfect Past Tense.

1stma waiyalaiwoomuj waiyaleewoo2ndtá waiyalaiwootási waiyaleewoo3rdhagha waiyalaiwoohagho waiyaleewoo

Adverbs, Post- and Pre- positions, Conjunctions, &c. &c.

porta, above kghata, below dananà, in dabándee, out dilta, here halta, there de khawa, on this side haghá khawá, on that side doudande, before douroosta, behind jirr, quickly ro ro, slowly man rwaz, to-day paroon, yesterday sabhá rwaz, to-morrow ba, till

sarangá, how bul jalá, again os, now bivá, afterwards makh á mukh, in front bas, enough ham, also ho, yes nah, no makava, don't ka, if pára, sake of wodya, gratis az, than o, hollá sarra, with

mudám, always kala, when cherta, where

wo, and ya, or belá, without wale, but

Vocabulary of Nouns.

rwaz, day, shpa, night, halak, boy, zoe, son, jilai, girl, loor, daughter, peghla, maid, plár, father, mor, mother, uror, brother, khor, sister, oba, water, or, fire, dode, bread. ghahar, city, kalai, hamlet.

ás, horse, aspá, mare, osai, deer. khar, ass, ghàtar, mule, behan, colt, yaboo, poney, chirg, fowl, chirga, hen, kaftara, pigeon, gidada, fox, chaghál, jackal, koj, hyena, spai, dog, pishee, cat, muj'ak, mouse,

vaj, bear bizo, monkey sarkaza, hog bza, she-goat waz gadai, he-goat murghumai, kid mej ewe maj, ram warg maj, fighting ram dusherlá, middling ram psherlai, ram wuchkulai, ram urai, lamb ghwa, cow ghwáyai, bull sukhwanda calf

kijde, tent woollen kor, house khoona, room ghole, a yard wanai, tree bootai, bush tirkh, brushwood már, snake tá ooz, peacock zirká, Greek partridge huja, leak gazir, carrot malkhaze, thyme anár, pomegranate hindwáná, water melon mana, apple meda, man ghaza, woman mándiná, female náreená, male

chughuka, sparrow oogh, camel ghanum, wheat wurijjee, rice urbushee, barley nakhud, pulse phascolus, maximus pyáz, onion tanzire, partridge kurak, quail thalla, sole of foot warghawe, palm of hand punda, heel padkai, ancle pandai, calf zangoon, knee khwale, perspiration pgha, leg waroon, thigh nas, belly

málgá, salt tel, oil ghodee, ghee shakar, sugar marach, pepper largai, wood kuchee, butter hagge, an egg shide, milk maste, curds shalumbe, butter-milk lástai, pestle khat, bedstead tiltak, coverlid bálight, pillow nihále, bed ospana, iron surp, lead mio, copper kál, year zyad, brass myasht, month sirazar, gold speen zar, silver tirkha, bitter garm, hot sod, cold klak, hard narm, soft porta, high boad, garan, dear arzán, cheap spuk, light duroond, heavy wach, dry noombd, wet zulf, lock of hair tsoonee, woman's hair bret, mustacheos jeera, beard

arkh, armpit

kunatai, bullock tatar, beast lás, hand oja, shoulder sha, back ghádá, neck shund, lip ghágh, tooth zinne, chin bárkhoo, cheek paza, nose sajme, nostril stirgha, eye bánoo, eye-lash waridza, eye-brow tandai, forehead ghwaj, ear partookh, trousers partoogagh, breeches string ozgár, idle pagde, turban khaj, sweet turwá, sour mukh, nail spajme, moon store, star wáh, woo, wind garz, dust zoná, light tyárá, darkness angoor, grapes oma, raw pakha, cooked shkar, horn swa, hoof changul, divided hoof wadai, wool pumba, cotton jibba, language ghwajai, hunger tajai, thirst kough, shoes

tirkhe, armpit kund, widow oghke, a tear meda, husband qhaza, wife dároo, gunpowder purod, grass ghalla, grain speen, white soor, red tor, black ábee, blue zyad, yellow sheen, green mahee, fish ghwashe, meat lmar, sun rikeboona, stirrups muloona, bridle ghar, hill seen, river khight, brick nikka, grandfather wurr nikka, great grandfather masai, grandson

chaplai, slippers doond, blind gung, dumb koon, deaf god, lame with both legs rást, straight koj, crooked tsappa, upset lewânai, mad khapa, angry ranzoor, ill starai, tired dard, pain lár, road safar, journey noom, name zeen, saddle kad wasai, great grandson kosai, great great grandson zoom, son-in-law warindára, sister-in-law orara, nephew orerá, niece tra and aka, uncle troree, aunt

Vocabulary of Verbs.

rátalal, to come
tlal, to go
rávdal, to bring
odal, to carry away
pátakedal, to place
odaradil, to rise
porta kawil, to raise
kghenastan, to sit
akhistan, to take
wenissa, to seize
khudal, to eat
chghil, to drink
zbeghil, to suck
chichil, to bite
qhwkhan, to chew the cud

talal, to weigh ve pemawal, to measure pakhawal, to cook khlas wal. wáz wal, -to open paránatal, tadal, to blind parkawal, to cut seere kawal, to tear mátawal, to break zghastal, to run lwastan, to read girzedal, to stroll skawul, to pull pákawal, to wipe

jo owal, to chew khandil, to laugh jadil, to weep wahal, to beat jagh to call kawal (skandal, to pinch gandal, to sew beredal, to fear tukhedal, to cough teláwúl, to push ghakhá wal, to press lád eghwurzawul, to spit ghwul kawal, to ease one's self leedal and katal, to see tisháwul, to employ bázee kawal, to play waiyil, to speak wuruk kawal, to lose mudal, to die

purewatal, to fall zejal, to bring forth purawal, to borrow por warkawal, to lend put wal, to conceal ghakhauwal, to bury zii dedal, to tremble kháls wal, to loosen garawul, to scratch togawul, to pour pookawul, to blow mityaze } to make water kawal. dakawul, to fill jaghawul, to play on an instrulirekawal, putting away mzaka kandan, to dig pághal, to sow waswa, to burn

Sentences and Dialogues. The Afghán Salutation—"ROGH BOD."

Jod e gha táze gha khushal e gha { Are you well? quite fresh? quite raghale? happy? welcome?

Answer. Jha wose pa khair wose (May you be well. May all be right with you. May you nemakhwár reje. ver be badly off.

Sta noom sa de? Ta soke? Kum yánye? Tási chare zai

Tási la kum záe rágháliyást

Candhára rághale yam

Dá lár da Shikarpoor de?

sapar yam Lár waghaiya

leeyast?

What is your name? Who are you? Who is there? Where are you going? Whence come you?

Dwa myasht me sooeedee chi la It is two months since I came from Candahar.

Is this the road to Shikarpoor? Za khabar neyam pakhpula mu- I don't know, I am myself a traveller.

Shew the road.

Tsa khabrá la Bádsháh ávaradi- Have you heard any news of the king?

Wai ee chi Shikarpoor ta wara They say he has arrived at Shiseda.

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karpoor.

Da Hinduwáno pa kághaz kghe da Harát da bábata tsa kghelawoo?

What was the news from Herat in the Hindoo's letter?

Kshilawoo da kajar tag o da Kamran chapáw pa Farrah bánde oda Mahammad Siddeek Khán bandee wodal.

It was written that the Persians had retired, and that Kamran had made a descent on Farrah. and taken away Mahammed Sideek Khán prisoner.

So rwaze soo, ee dee chi Kasid la How many days is it since a Cos-Loodiáne rághale de?

sid arrived from Loodiana?

Ka za durwágh zam na gham pinz) rwaze soo i dee

If I remember right it is five days.

Wale jar ra naghale?

Why have you not come quickly? I will go out riding by afternoon prayers.

Ma psheen spareshan

Za be khartsa yum muwajam me I have no money, will you give me my pay?

ráka?

Madar woka chi da hinde mudda | Wait till the bill of exchange be due.

poorá see

hungry and have an appetite.

Dode zmá da para pakhaka chi) Get ready dinner for me, as I am wujee yum chi wakhuram

> not come to see me? Why don't you do that?

Tsa bara sta zoe zma deedan lara | What's the reason your son does ranághai?

What is become of you?

Sa lara da kár na kave? Tasta sawe?

> will you take for making six shirts?

Ka za spansee darkam dá shpaj If I give you ready money, what kameesa pa tso mazdooree ba jod ke?

Has this mountain a name or not?

Da ghar moom laree ka na laree

Sardárán da Candahár chi dee pa The Sardars of Candahar when they want to get money from any one in time of need, are in the habit of pawning their wives iewels

wakht da mukadame chi da cha tsakha tsaghwadee akhpul da ourate psol wa hagha sadee ta giroje kahee dee

khpul psol bidta zeenee rávdá the jewels out of pawn by a Akhpul maindina biya wo poo. They instruct their wives to get

Pa Candahár ki jha ás tsa keenruet) What is the price of a good horse in Candahar?

Gha ás pa salor souwa pa lás razee A good horse can be got for 400 Rs. Deráwat tso zara rupo, ee mályá) What is the revenue of Derawat in thousands?

It is a revenue of 30,000 Rs.

Dergh zara rupo, ee mályá laree

Sháh Shuja chi raghalai woo Sar- When Shah Shuja appeared, all zma sar dai o da Kalá Kungre

mad Shah aká Shikarpoor lare raghalai dai?

dárán tola razá woo chi ghar warkee baghair la you Sardár Kohn Dil Khánchi waigil chi the Sardars were content to give up the city except Kohn Dil Khán, who said, my head with these parapets.

Tási arvedalai dai chi da Maham-) Have you heard the uncle of Mahammad Sháh has arrived in Shikarpoor?

Specimen of Afghan verse from Abdul Rahman.

Har matloob chighwaje tá, uka When the musician turns the da rabab

Padá táuk jhee zmá zada kandee) By each turn that is made my kabab

Chi saiye panaghma pa taránash. When I pay attention to the tune

Dewána sham grewantsiree most \ I get mad, and tear my clothes

ka

Chi hetsok na takat laree na tab

Youve sáz, bulawáze da belto

Dream shaar paraghaz ka intikháh

Tsalaram you sakeeye tar sangk- Fourth, let a cupbearer be near

Che makh na mahtáb li dilaivee Who has never been looked on by na áftáb

Da talor wada fitne dee pa tslor I These four are four traitors in kunja

O pinzame surácedai da mai nab And the fifth be a bottle of the spajame wakt da noubahar o da zawanee

Ou owam shughal da bayazoda And the seventh reading of alkitáb

Chidá hoomree áfatoona sara tol) If all these wonders be collected shee

Turo tsok saranga zeenee kande) Who can deliver himself from ijtanáb

naka

Ya ba devee yá deewaz dai yádaw Must be either more than human, ab

screw of the Rebeck

heart is burnt.

and the tone

frantic and lost.

Hame tar hame guftar hose as ar-) The strings and burthen of the song so distress me

> That none could bear it or endure it. Let there be music first, then the theme of absence.

> Third, let a poet recite his good verses.

sun or moon-

four corners-

best wine, and the sixth the time of the new spring and youth,

bums and books.

together

them;

Chi dá hasee dilbarán par as ar. He who is not affected by any of these rarities

a wall or a beast.

Da tsargand bashee parhez da parhez ga

Here the abstinence of abstainers
will be discovered

Za Rahman lareeyá zohda pana May God defend Rahman from ghwadam hypocrisy;

Dareeyá zohad ázáb de hamitab Hypocrisy is trouble and reproach.

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श्रियःपतिःश्रीमतिशासितुंजगज्जगन्निवासोवसुदेवसद्मनि। वसन्दर्शावतरन्तमम्बराद्विरण्यगन्भाङ्गभुवंमुनिंहरिः॥१॥

1. Hari, husband of Sri, dwelling in the fortunate abode of Vasudeva, to reform the world, though himself the abode of worlds, saw descending from the sky, the sage, who sprang from a portion of the being, that was conceived in the golden mundane egg.

दिधाकृतात्माकिमयंदिवाकरोविधूमरोचिःकिमयंक्रताश्चः। गतन्तिरश्चीनमनूरुसारथेःप्रसिद्धमूर्ट्वज्वज्ञवन्तं हविभुजः। पतत्यधोधामविसारिसर्व्वतःकिमेतदित्याकन्तमीचितंज्ञनैः॥२॥

2. Is this the Sun itself parted into two orbs? Is it fire shining with light divested of smoke? The motion of the luminary whose charioteer has no legs is curvilinear. The ascent of flame is a well known property of fire. What is this, which descends diffusing light around? Thus was the sage contemplated by wonder by the people.